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Filed: April 13, 2001  
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Art Unit: 2161  
Examiner: Unassigned

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment for filing in connection with the  
above-identified application.

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submitted herewith if the attached check(s) is in the wrong amount ~~or~~ otherwise  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above-captioned application, please amend  
the application as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please amend the drawings according to the attached set of figures, on which the  
amendment is indicated in red ink. Specifically, in Figure 1, Box 102, please replace  
"CONTIRIBUTOR" with --CONTRIBUTOR--; in Figure 9, please add the letters "A" and  
"B" where indicated on the hand-annotated page; in Figure 15, please add the letters "A",  
"B", and "C" where indicated on the hand-annotated page; in Figure 16, please add the  
letters "A", "B", and "C" where indicated on the hand-annotated page; in Figure 18, please  
add the letters "A", "B", and "C" where indicated on the hand-annotated page; in Figure  
19, please add the letters "A", "B", and "C" where indicated on the hand-annotated page;  
in Figure 20, please add the letters "A" and "B" where indicated, please replace "percent"  
with --percentage--, and please add the symbol "%" to the y-axis, as indicated on the hand-